

AMENDED ABSTRACT

A computerized human communication arbitrating and distributing system, including a controller digital computer and a plurality of participator digital computers, each of the participator computers including an input device for receiving human input information from a human user and an output device for presenting information to the user, each said user having a user identity. A connection, such as Internet, links the controller computer with each of the participator computers. Controller software runs on the controller computer to arbitrate in accordance with predefined rules including said user identity, which ones of the participator computers can interact in one of a plurality of groups through the controller computer and to distribute real time data to the respective ones of the groups. Participator software runs on each of the participator computers to handle a user interface permitting one said user to send a multimedia information message to the controller computer, which arbitrates which of the participator computers receive the multimedia information message and conveys the multimedia information message to the selected participator computers to present the multimedia information to the respective user.

A system and method communicating via an Internet network, the system including: a plurality of computers connected to a computer system such that one of the plurality of computers, corresponding to a first of the user identities, and an other of the plurality of computers, corresponding to a second of the user identities, can send communications, and some of the communications are received in real time via the Internet. There can be a determination as to whether some of the communications are allowed.